

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

John E. Schroeder • J. Pepper Goslin • Lori L. Crossen

Monday through Thursday, closed Friday | Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Meeting: First Monday, 7:00 p.m.



SUPERVISORS MEETING **July 12, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman J. Pepper Goslin, Vice Chairman John Schroeder, Member Lori Crossen, Township Manager Vicki Eldridge, Solicitor Melvin Newcomer and fourteen (14) observers.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Goslin at 7:00 P.M followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Mr. Goslin explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the June 7, 2021 board of supervisors meeting as presented. Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Vicki Eldridge read the financial report.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to ratify the payment of June bills in the amount of \$143,972.78 from the general fund and \$56,061.28 from the state account. The motion was carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

- Mr. Goslin thanked the township staff and supervisors for holding the line on expenses. Mr. Goslin stated that the tax revenues have been steady. Mr. Schroeder had questions regarding rental income and Mr. Goslin had questions regarding a federal grant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ron Munro asked the supervisors if they have considered relinquishing the medical reimbursement account provided to them by the township. Mr. Monroe stated that this is a waste of township money. He feels this should not be a benefit to the elected supervisors.
- John Yurejefcic asked if the supervisors have given any more thought to granting him an easement from the trail property to access his landlocked piece of land.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Vicki Eldridge, Township Manager, reported the following for the roadmaster.

In June the road crew worked on the following projects:

- Mowed road banks;
- Sprayed the trail for vegetation control;
- Raised inlet at 420 Groffdale and repaved;
- Finished Esh Road pipe project;
- Cut side gutters on Mt Hope School, Radcliff, Miller, Pennsy and Esh Road;

- Crack repair with the AMS truck on the following roads, Byerland Church, Sigman and Penny some repair on Truce Road;
- Place inlet box and pipe on Esh Road for drainage control; and
- Safety meeting to discuss safety concerns with the road crew. This was just an open discussion.

In July the road crew have or will work on the following projects:

- Screen wood chips for winter heat;
- Mow road banks;
- Place fence on Church Street bridge;
- Place pipe along Pennsy Road below Southland Hills trailer park;
- Place channels in inlet boxes as needed; and
- Prepare for seal coating and paving projects.

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- Mr. Goslin announced that the parks/recreation committee meeting will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Goslin announced that we applied for a \$25,000 Healing the Planet Grant through Giant Companies. The grant would be used to build a kiosk, pavilion and several shade shelters on the trail.

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL REPORT

- Mr. Goslin stated that the July meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

- Following a brief discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to adopt Resolution No. 21-08 modifying fees for a continued zoning hearing in Providence Township. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Following a brief discussion regarding a waterline being drilled under Truce Road to run a waterline from 278 Truce Road to the Amish School located at 261 Truce Road, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to authorize the drilling of a water line under Truce Road, between 278 and 261 Truce Road. Permanent concrete markers are required on both sides of Truce Road. The party drilling and placing the line is responsible for any damages done to the road or to the road right of way during the procedure. An as-built drawing showing the exact location of the waterline shall be submitted to the township at the completion of the project. The motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Goslin announced the zoning workshop will be held on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Any discussion items should be forwarded to the zoning officer.
- Mr. Goslin announced that LG Health will hold a blood drive at the township office on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Goslin announced the township will be hosting a "National Night Out" Crime and Drug Prevention Event on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Please join us for free food, fun, family/kids activities, displays and demonstrations which will show appreciation to our local emergency responders. The event will take place here at the township facility from 6:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m.
- Mr. Goslin announced the spotted lanternfly program is no longer being held at the Conservation District due to funding shortfalls.

- Mr. Goslin announced the township received the first half of its funds from the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$369,377.65. The funds must be committed to spend by the end of 2024. Qualified expenditures include water, sewer, stormwater and broadband infrastructure costs; loss of revenues or funds due to the corona virus; and any mitigation efforts to support air purification. Debt reduction and infrastructure costs related to roadwork and bridges do not qualify. Mr. Schroeder suggested that we look into an investment for these funds until such time as we receive additional rules regarding the use. Mrs. Crossen said she would like to give the non-profits additional funding now since we know this is an allowable expenditure. Mrs. Eldridge was directed to check into some investments.
- Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to advertise for the sale of the used Toro Zero-Turn Mower. The mower will be sold on the Municibid website. The motion was carried unanimously.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Marvin Stoner completed 3 perc and probe tests and issued 3 sewage permits with a total of \$900.00 remitted to the township for the month of June.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$133,818.22 were recorded in the month of June.
- Mrs. Eldridge stated that once the road crew purchases are finalized with the Covid Cares Act Monies, she will begin to look for a staff vehicle. Mrs. Crossen stated that the remaining funds from the Covid Cares Act funding is to be used for the staff car purchase along with the \$7,000 budgeted in the 2021 budget for such a purchase.

ZONING REPORT

- **Stormwater escrow release:** Susquehanna Truck Service: \$3,000.00. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to authorize the release of stormwater escrow in the total amount of \$3,000.00. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **DFB Property Management LLC Storm Water Management Plan, Extension of time:** Letter submitted for extension of time for the Supervisors or Designee to take action on the DFB Property Management LLC Storm Water Management Plan for an additional one hundred and eighty (180) days until January 31, 2022. The extension was acknowledged and noted for the record by the Board of Supervisors.
- **Samuel Lapp Storm Water Management Plan, Extension of time:** Letter submitted for extension of time for the Supervisors or Designee to take action on the Samuel Lapp Storm Water Management Plan for an additional thirty (30) days until September 1, 2021. The extension was acknowledged and noted for the record by the Board of Supervisors.
- **Eli King, Waiver of Plan Processing, PT-308FP-21, 1000 Truce Road:** The plan proposes to use an existing barn for an equipment rental business and a custom hydraulic hose business. Craig Williams of Strausser Surveying and Engineering was in attendance to discuss the plan. Following discussion, Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to approve the waiver of Article III, Plan Processing for Eli King subject to the Solanco Engineering Associates, LLC review letter dated June 4, 2021 and any subsequent review letters. The motion was carried unanimously.

- **Southern Lancaster County Farmers Sportsmen’s Association, Waiver of Plan Processing, PT-307FP-21, 742 Hollow Road:** The plan proposes to use rebuild the clubhouse destroyed by fire. Craig Williams of Strausser Surveying and Engineering was in attendance to discuss the plan. Following discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to approve the waiver of Article III, Plan Processing for Southern Lancaster County Farmers Sportsmen’s Association subject to the Solanco Engineering, Associates, LLC review letter dated June 4, 2021 and any subsequent review letters. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Susquehanna Ford Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan, PT-306FP-21, 136/160 Lancaster Pike South:** The plan proposes to combine four (4) parcels and build a new Ford dealership. Kevin Ember of Rettew and Larry Prescott of Professional Design and Construction were in attendance to discuss the plan. Following discussion, Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant a waiver of Section 305, Preliminary Plan requirements, with the condition: The applicant shall provide all plan and supporting information required for a preliminary plan with the final submission. The motion was carried unanimously. Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant a waiver of Section 614.F.6, Light Pole Location requirements. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to grant a waiver of Section 603.C.4, Curbs shall be provided along all state highways. The motion was carried unanimously. Following discussion regarding the lighting plan, the supervisors tabled the remaining two waiver requests and conditional plan approval until more information is received relating to the security lighting values. The tabled requests are as follows: 1) Waiver of Section 614.F.2, the maximum lighting value exceeds the 7.5fc as the maximum permitted; 2) Waiver of Section 614.F.8, the lighting plan shall incorporate the requirements of this section with regards to security lighting; and 3) Conditional approval the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Susquehanna Ford subject to the review comments contained within the April 22, 2021 Solanco Engineering Associates review letter and any subsequent review letters. Mr. Ember also granted an extension until August 2, 2021 for the supervisors to act on the plan. The extension was acknowledged and noted for the record by the Board of Supervisors
- **Creekside Phase 2 Final Subdivision Plan, PT-309FP-21, 470 Fairview Road:** The Creekside Phase 2 Plan contains 51 lots. Mr. Joseph Nadu was in attendance to discuss the plan. Following discussion, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant a waiver of Section 403.D.23, minimum of 25% of the number of lots approved by the preliminary plan. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to conditionally approve the Final Subdivision Plan for Creekside Phase 2 subject to the review comments contained within the June 8, 2021 Solanco Engineering Associates review letter and any subsequent review letters. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Nadu had questions regarding erecting several benches and a gazebo near the pond in the Creekside Development.
- **David E and Rachel K King, Well Isolation Request, 58 Mt. Airy Road: A request to locate a new drainfield within 100’ from the existing well at 58 Mt. Airy Road.** This request was tabled due to the absence of Mr. King and the need for additional information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At approximately 9:04 p.m., Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter. The motion was carried unanimously.
- At approximately 10:21 p.m., Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to exit the executive session. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

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ATTEST: _____
Vicki L. Eldridge, Secretary

J. Pepper Goslin, Chairman

John E. Schroeder, Vice Chairman

Lori L. Crossen, Member